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SUBJECT: 22ND SESSION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ON CERTAIN DAIRY  
PRODUCTS

1. SUMMARY. HE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ON CERTAIN DAIRY  
PRODUCTS MET ON DECEMBER 10. A REVIEW OF THE MARKET SITUATION  
INDICATED THAT THE DEMAND FOR SKIM MILK POWDER IS STILL STRONG  
BUT IS EXPECTED TO SLACKEN IN THE NEXT QUARTER. THE DEMAND FOR  
BUTTER CONTINUES TO BE STRONG. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING THE DECEMBER 10 MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
ON CERTAIN DAIRY PRODUCTS, THE EC REPORTED THAT PRICES FOR SKIM  
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MILK POWDER ARE STILL STRONG. EXPORT PRICES AMOUNT TO ABOUT

\$1,000/MT. HOWEVER, THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT BUSINESS TENDS TO SLAKEN. TOTAL EC SKIM MILK POWDER EXPORTS DURING THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1974 REACHED 230,000 MT. EC SKIM MILK POWDER STOCKS AMOUNTED TO 362,000/MT AS OF NOVEMBER 26.

3. AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ALSO REPORTED F.O.B. EXPORT PRICES AT AROUND \$1,000/MT AND A TENDENCY TOWARDS DECLINING DEMAND. AUSTRALIA EXPECTS TOTAL 1974 PRODUCTION OF SKIM MILK POWDER TO REACH 130,000 MT, DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION TO AMOUNT TO 26,000 MT AND EXPORTS TO TOTAL 104,000 MT. NEW ZEALAND REPORTED THAT TOTAL SKIM MILK POWDER EXPORTS DURING THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1974 AMOUNTED TO ABOUT 128,000 MT.

4. AS REGARDS BUTTER, THE EC REPORTED THAT SALES AT PRESENT ARE VERY GOOD PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF MARGARINE RELATIVE TO THAT OF BUTTER. THE EC ALSO INDICATED THAT BUTTER PRODUCTION DURING THE WINTER MONTHS (DECEMBER-FEBRUARY) MAY BE AT A HIGHER LEVEL THAN LAST YEAR. EC BUTTER STOCKS AMOUNTED TO 202,000 MT AT THE END OF NOVEMBER. NEW ZEALAND PRODUCTION OF MILK FAT DURING THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1974 AMOUNTED TO 20,110 MT AS COMPARED TO 17,370 MT IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1973. HOWEVER, NEW ZEALAND REPORTED THAT PRODUCTION IS NOW TENDING DOWNWARD.

5. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR CERTAIN DAIRY PRODUCTS IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 11, 1975.DALE

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